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TAGS: PORG OCON UNESCO FAO UNEP WMO IMCO ECOSOC  
SUBJ: INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION  
(IOC)/TEMA REGIONAL GROUPINGS.

REF: STATE 140025

1. USDEL (SANDVED) MET WITH IOC SECRETARIAT (SCOTT AND HERRERA) TO DISCUSS CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL.
2. THE PROPOSED GROUPING OF COUNTRIES FOR TEMA PURPOSES ORIGINATED WITH THE IOC SECRETARIAT AND IS NOT RELATED TO ANY SPECIFIC REQUEST. APPARENTLY, MEMBERS OF SECRETARIAT HAD BEEN WORKING ON IT FOR SOME TIME. THERE IS NO LIJAGE BETWEEN THE ACC DISCUSSION OF REGIONAL  
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AREAS AND THE SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL ON TEMA, ACCORDING TO SECRETARIAT. IT IS EXPECTED THAT A PROPOSAL ON REGIONAL AREAS (FORM PRESENTLY UNKNOWN) WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ACC SUBCOMMITTEE (FEB 1978).

3. NO SPECIFIC SET OF CRITERIA WAS USED IN DRAWING

UP THE TEMA GROUPS. A GROUPING MIGHT BE BASED ON GEOGRAPHY, CULTURE, COMMON INTERESTS, OR ANY OTHER EXPEDIENT CRITERION. TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR INFORMAL NATURE, SECRETARIAT EMPHASIZED THAT THERE ARE NO PLANS TO HOLD REGIONAL MEETINGS, FOR EXAMPLE.

4. THE INFORMAL REQUEST FROM THE ACC SUBCOMMITTEE RELATE TO THE FACT THAT DIFFERENT AGENCIES HAVE DIFFERENT REGIONAL DESIGNATIONS FOR THEIR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES, AND IT WAS FELT THAT COMMON REGIONS FOR OCEAN PURPOSES WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS.

5. THE SECRETARIAT SEEMED SURPRISED BY DEPARTMENT'S REACTION, BUT RECOGNIZED THAT THE PROPOSAL MIGHT EVOKE SIMILAR REACTIONS BY OTHERS. IN VIEW OF THIS FACT, THEY WILL MOVE SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY, TESTING THE WATER AS THEY GO. AS A STARTER, THE TEMA SCHEME WILL PROBABLY BE KNOWN FROM NOW ON AS "CONVIENT GROUPINGS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR TEMA PURPOSES". SECRETARIAT POINTS OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS NORMAL FOR THEM TO PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF MEMBER STATES IN EITHER SUBSIDIARY OR GOVERNING BODIES. IN THIS SPECIFIC CASE, THE PROPOSAL WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNING BODIES IF TEMA II CONSIDERS IT USEFUL. IF MEMBER NATIONS DON'T LIKE IT, THE SECRETARIAT WILL DROP THE IDEA, WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEY CLAIM WAS CREATED SOLELY FOR REASONS OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPEDIENCY.

6. IN RETROSPECT, IOC SECRETARY AGREES THAT THE REFERENCE TO THE ACC SUBCOMMITTEE'S REQUEST (OR INVITATION) SHOULD NOT HAVE APPEARED IN DOCUMENT IOC/TEMA-II/12, AND APPRECIATES THE CONFUSION IT CAUSES. THE ACC REQUEST WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED AT THE TEMA II MEETING. GAMMON

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